

**MINUTES**  
**BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**September 17, 2012**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**MEMBERS** Present: Jim Rosenbarger, Jacob Sinex, Mitch Rice, Carl Zager,  
Gayle Stuebe, Anne Phillips Holahan, Mike Gavin

**EX OFFICIO** Vince Caristo, Planning Department  
Laurel Archer, Public Works Department

**ADVISORY  
MEMBERS**

**PUBLIC** Paul Ash  
Quinn Smith

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES** Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes with the  
changes as noted by members. Minutes from August 20<sup>th</sup>  
approved.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT** Quinn Smith had no comment.

Paul Ash stated he had talked with Jim Rosenbarger before the  
meeting about his concern with bicycling to the YMCA

Mike Gavin – no comment

**COMMISSION  
MEMBER'S  
COMMENTS**

Anne Holohan – no comment

Jacob Sinex – He is following a story in Portland, Oregon where  
they are building an apartment complex that does not have any  
parking for cars. They have something like 80 parking spots for  
bikes. The Portland media reported there was no parking in the  
complex which is not entirely true, as there is bicycle parking.  
He felt that maybe Bloomington should think about how projects  
are talked about in terms of motor vehicle parking spots and  
bicycle parking spots as they are equally important. Instead of  
this board having to ask how many bike spaces, it would be nice  
to know that in advance and report to the media.

Jim Rosenbarger added it would also be helpful when looking at  
a new project to know the walk score.

There was discussion among members and all thought this information would be helpful. Media and public would need to be educated regarding walk scores. Vince explained that a lot of times this information is not available to the City Planners.

Gayle Stuebe – Went to Portland, Oregon and walked around to get a feel for what a Platinum Community is like and noticed three things. There are many single bike racks along the streets in the downtown. There was a place on the road that said “only bikes and buses.” Gayle thought this might be a solution for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Jordan and Indiana, if the right hand corner parking lane was marked bike and bus only. Also there was a sign that said “Right turn yield to Peds and Bikes.” She thought this something to be considered for right turn lanes.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Planning Department  
Vince Caristo**

Vince updated on the Hyatt and Chick-fil-a cases.

The Hyatt was continued by the Planning Commission. The Plan Commission wants the developer to find a way to provide more activity along 4<sup>th</sup> Street and feels there is just too much space. The other issue was the sidewalk along Gentry and how Gentry will be used.

Regarding the sidewalk the Plan Commission echoes Bike & Pedestrian Commission recommendations, there needs to be sidewalks on Gentry.

Gayle was concerned about the direction of travel on Morton from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. She thought the direction of travel on Morton should be changed.

Two site plans were presented at the last meeting for the Chick-fil-a. Plan Commission has continued Chick-Fil-a to the October meeting. Planning staff met with the developers about making further improvements to the drive-thru. Planning would like to see the developer detach the exiting traffic from the drive-thru. Planning would also like to see a change to the façade on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. There was a question as to whether the developer would be required to continue a sidewalk from the Bank to Bloomingfoods. Vince stated staff is still working with City Legal to see if the City can require Chick-fil-a to build the sidepath. Also, discussed was parking which Planning sets a maximum. The question was raised if the side path would take

away parking. Vince stated it would not take away parking. Also asked was if the sidepath would replace the sidewalk. . Vince stated there are two codes that seem to be potentially conflicting which is why Planning is working with City Legal for clarification. There was concern about pedestrians walking by and if there would be an additional curb cuts. Vince stated there would not be any added.

Vince stated he would recommend additional bike parking and also changes to the drive-thru.

**Bloomington Garden Apartments** – Vince explained this is a large apartment project on South Walnut Street. The proposal is for 120 apartment units, many are proposed to be affordable housing units. There will be five total buildings with a clubhouse and 132 parking spaces. These will be mostly one and two bedroom units, total of 216 bedrooms. The total number of bike parking spaces is not known. This project is seeking a use variance and other variances to allow construction and will be heard by both the Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Vince stated the issues are bike parking; they should be required to have bike parking at the entrance to every multi-family building. Also, there is a side path planned along this portion of Walnut Street and the developer could be asked to build it. There is also a transit route that goes by the location.

The commission members recommended the bike path be pursued. Also recommended was covered bike parking.

**Pavilion Properties** – Vince explained they are seeking site plan approval for a four (4) story building in the Downtown Gateway Overlay through the Plan Commission. This will be a mixed use, with 18 one bedroom units, two 2 bedroom units, and retail on the ground floor. The Walnut Street access will not be accessible to wheelchairs but 10<sup>th</sup> Street will be. There will be structured parking internal to the building. There will be 10 parking spaces. Vince asked for recommendations for the curb radius by the parking garage which is 14 feet, the sidewalk at 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and bike parking.

Recommendation was the sidewalk be wider than 6 feet.

Recommendations for bike parking were:

- \*More bike parking

- \*bike parking should be more accessible and visible,
- \*One covered space per bedroom.
- \*One of the vehicle parking spaces be designated for bicycles.

**CFC- 217 west Kirkwood** – Vince stated the Petitioner is seeking approval to move the existing drive-thru structure west of the B-line trail. The move is being prompted by the hotel petition previously discussed. CFC would like to put retail in the building.

A recommendation was made for pull in stack parking.

The commission members were excited about this reuse.

**Engineering  
Department**

No representative present

**BPD**

No representative present

**CLOSING  
COMMENTS**

It was commented that Kirkwood between Grant and Indiana should be a no vehicle traffic street.

Jim asked Gayle to send her Portland photographs (sign photos) to Engineering.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jim suggested the Greenways Implementation Plan be dedicated for a work session. Jacob thought there was a newer version than the one given to the Commission. Jim stated he would ask Justin about this.

It was also suggested that Justin discuss progress on 7<sup>th</sup> Street bike underpass.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.